

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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COVERAGE OF FM RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether C&AG has carried out that number of FM radio stations were targeted to be installed by March 31, 2002 ;
- (b) the extent to which the target has been achieved so far;
- (c) whether the range of FM from Delhi covers only about 30 kms; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to extend the coverage to atleast 200 kms ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

- (a) & (b) : C&AG report No.2 of 2000 (Civil) para 3.1 mentions that 133 FM Projects were targeted to be commissioned by March, 1997. Of these 125 projects have been commissioned.
- (c) Yes, Sir. Stereo signal is available within a radius of 30 Kms and range of mono signal is about 38 Kms.
- (d) FM coverage is limited by the line of sight distance, hence coverage upto 200 Kms is not feasible.